# Since Uncle Sam First Shied His Caster Into the Athletic Arena His Boys Have Led the World Over the Hurdles

# **OLD GLORY FENCE** FLIERS IN CLASS BY THEMSELVES

Undle Sam's Timber Toppers Cleaned Up in Every Modern Olympiad.

BOB SIMPSON GREATEST HURDLER OF ALL TIME

erhaps in no branch of the track and d has America recorded so many vices or been quite so successful as in sh hurdling. From the very first Uncle ny's timber toppers have been alst in a class by themselves. In no mational high hurdling competition which the United States had a chamon entered has Uncle Sam failed to ng home the bacon.

Back in 1895 in the dual meet beeen the New York A. C. and the on A. C.—the first international ck and field meet Uncle Sam ever raged in-Steve Chase, that lanky Veroat farmer, carried the Mercury Foot a glorious victory. Uncle Sam has ade a clean sweep in all of the Olympic hurdling competition. In the first of the modern Olympiads, at Athens in 1896, Curtis of America carried the Old Glory Survis of America carried the Old Glory silks to victory in the high hurdles. Kraenzelein of America repeated at Paris in 1900. Another Yankee, Schule, won at St. Louis in 1904 and Leavitt of America caused the Stars and Stripes to be hoisted to the top of the pole at Athens in 1906.

Forest Smithson, with two other Americans trailing him, captured the high hurdles at the London Olympiad of 1908 in world's wrecking time, and at

in world's wrecking time, and at the last Olympic games at Stockholm in 1912 Kelly, Wendell and Hawkins again made it one, two and three for Uncle Sam in the high hurdles.

cal advantages ow hurding championship way back in 1876, hat year the grand, old Mercury Footer on the American title in 19 seconds. Then Simpson, Kelly, Thompson or Murty tear the tape in the final heat of the 19 yard high hurdle national championship at Newark next Sentember the

## HOW THREE GREAT TIMBERTOPPERS FLY THE FENCES.



It is interesting to note the progress hat has been made in hurdling since litchcock carried the silks of the New fork A. C. to victory in the first national urdling championship way back in 1875.

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## Mastered Science of Hurdling.

watches in the final heat of the 120 yard high hurdle national championship at Newark next September the watches are very likely to show 14 3-5 seconds. Ideal weather, track and competitive conditions may result in this year's high hurdling champion hanging up a 14 2-5 seconds performance.

There were some grand old fence filers in the old days. Harry Ficken, S. A. Safford, Aleck Jordan, Harry Williams, Al Copland and Fred Puffer were hurdlers America always well can be proud of. The first truly great fence filer, however, was Steve Chase, the Vermont farmer who carried the Green of Dartmouth and the Red and White of the New York A. C. to so many sensational hurdling victories.

Sieve Could "Walk" Over Fences.

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Van Haltren of the New York Giants in a game against the Washington club, was playing centre field. "Cy" Swain, who was pitching for the Senators, while at bat, happened to make what looked a safe drive to centre. Nine times out of ten it would have gone safe, but "Van" made a mad dash and gathered it in on the second bound and without stopping threw to first, the ball beating the slow-footed first, an Indian. Who is right?

According to Zach himself he is not a four consecutive games? A FAN. Cincinnati Red Stockings won 56 games before losing one in 1869-70. They won 39 straight and then were held to a 17-17 tie by Lansingburg. They won their next 17 games, completing a record of 56 won, one tied, none lost in 57 games.

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the shade on the present-day outfield ers in making assists. The best record in number of assists made in one season in the majors in recent years, or since 1900, was stacked up by Harry Niles when with the St. Louis Cardinals in 1906. Harry nailed thirty nine men from the outfield, getting them at different bases.

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# By TOM McNULTY

Some of these box fighters are worth as much in the ring as they get in the army—\$15 a month. If Freddle Welsh goes to war he hould do good work bagging the crip-

If Joe Humphries announces at any nore of the open air bouts he is going to wear a skullcap to prevent catching cold n his billiard ball dome.

That \$22,500 the Cubs were advertised o pay for "Chuck" Wortman now urns out to be \$8,000 real money, according to the Kansas City papers.

Frank Gotch is out of the game for good with a broken ankle. Must have got a toe hold on himself.

Poker with joker is a joke of a game. No rule to cover it, but royal flush is highest hand in the American game of raw. If you use a joker it is NOT

Dear Tom—Will you give the dope as to who won the rowing race, baseball series and track meet between Harvard and Yale in 1916? I am asked this question by an American M. D. working for the Braden Copper Company in Chile and am not sure as to the outcome of these events.

R. G. T.

Dear Tom—In a game of draw poker A. opens pot with a pair of jacks. B. stays. A. and B. each buy three cards. A. chips and B. cails. A. says to B. you win, as B. throws chips in pot to call. B. then throws cards in deck. A. claims pot with a pair of jacks, claiming cards show. Is this a case of cards show or does B. win."

A READER. B's hand is dead if they touched deck

SPORTING GOSSIP

Dear Tom—A says that a fighter can use a backhand punch in a ring providing he does not use his wrist. B says that he is not allowed to use a backhand punch of any fiind. Who is right?

N. SOLOMON.

Dear Tom-Kindly give us the decision that The New York Press gave of the last Dundee-Leonard fight 1 S. F. and I. P. Leonard on points.

Dear Tom-Please tell me when Frank Moran and Jim Coffey fought their two fights?

Dear Tom—Can you give me Kid Mc-Coy's nationality? I mean the former pugli-ist who left with the Seventy-first Regi-ment for McAllen. M. P. OF HARLEM. His right name is Norman Selby and he is the son of an Indiana minister. He

Dear Tom—A. B., C., D. and E. playing a five-mile professional race at a piculic recently one of the ace. A. makes trump and calls on ace of diamonds for partner. He leads and wins the first three tricks, then throws his other two cards in centre of table face up and declared for a point. C., D. and E. follow suit and throw hands in, but B., who is the partner, claims all tricks, as he has the ace and king of diamonds with no more trumps out.

Any man can demand that all the cards be played, Man has right to make partner play out the hand.

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ARTHURH WHEELER, M. D.

No amateur or professional rules in this country prohibiting it. International Amateur Athletic Federation rules, however, prohibit Marathon runners from being given artificial stimulants.

Dear Tom—(1) What has become of Pittsburg and Steve Evans, formerly of Brookfeds; and Steve Evans, fo

Dear Tom—A and B bet C that Zach Wheat is an Indian. Who is right?

Dear Tom—Did the Cincinnati Red Stockings or any other team ever win fifty-four consecutive games? Cincinnati Red Stockings won 56 games before losing one in 1869-70. They won 39 straight and then were held to

"New York Bay full of sharks," emblasons headline. The guy who attempted to pull off a bout between Freddie Welsh and Tommy Murphy must have thought there were as many suckers in New York as there are sharks in the bay.

Now Sheriff Sallee is with the Glants the first thing he should do is to pinch that Jinz.

"Man injured!" yelled a newsie peddiing his warea. And every fan bought that paper to see which one of the Tanks it was the time.

From the way some of these minor leagues are exploding franchises soon will be given away with cigarette coupons.

So long as they are willing to cough up hard earned simoleons to see him battle veterans of the civil war Freddie with knocking out Saylor.

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N. SOLOMON.

No rule prohibiting back hand punch as long as it is with the glove and not with elbow or wrist.

Dear Tom—Would like to know if J. J. Jeffries, ex-heavyweight champion, or his brother, Jack, ever owned a cafe in New Orleans within the last five years?

MIKE AND DAN.

Not that I know of. Jim is a part owner of a cafe in Los Angeles, though.

Dear Tom—W. bets S. that the first game of a double header is the regular scheduled game of that day. S. says the second game is the regular one. Who wins.

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Dear Tom—In a game of three-handed pinochle A lays down 150 in diamonds, the king and queen of hearts, spades and clubs. How much is this meld? Jack of spades and queen of diamonds already down. The meld is worth 330, which includes 40 pinochle for jack of diamonds and queen of spades.

Dear Tom-A bets that a runner is entitled to two bases on a wild pitch. B bets he is entitled to only one base. Who wins?

WALL STREET BROKER.

17-17 tie by Lansingburg. They won heir next 17 games, completing a record of 56 won, one tied, none lost in 57 games.

Dear Tem—In a three-handed game of pinochie A gets the bid, and he plays. At the end A discovers that he has one card while B and C have two cards each. It was found that the extra card was in A's pack. B and C claim that A put four cards ax ax result it was a misdeal. B and C disagree with him. Please decide.

If B and C can prove A discarded four cards A loses. Otherwise it is a misdeal.

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Dear Tem—A bets B that Sam McVey knocked out Jack Dillon. B says Dillon was never knocked out. Is B right?

B is right.

Or before he joined the Brooklyns? (4) What are the records in both major leagues a play for a base runner?

A FAN.

(1) A fielder's choice is a play where a fielder makes a play for a base runner at a base when he could get runner at a base when he could get runner at a base when he could get runner at institute to Franklin Field he must replace Vernon Jones and Billy Williams both major leagues a play for a base runner at a base when he could get runner at a base when he could get

Dear Tom—In a game of poker, which higher, a straight or a full house?

F. A. J.

A full house beats a straight, but not straight flush.

Depends on circumstances. With men on first and second, or the bases full, at. none or one out, a batter is out on infield fly regardless of whether or not it is caught. At all other times ball Getting Into Trim for Far Western

## SECRET PRACTICE TABOO AT PENNSY

Bob Folwell Announces Poli-

thing else. There is something I would like to say and that is there will be no "moonlight scrimmages" on Franklin "moonlight scrimmages" on Franklin Field this year. There are more teams killed by overtraining than defeats. I shall be the sole master of how much drudgery is to be done."

"There is another important fact that

I wish to emphasize and it is that there to the undergraduates and the public. My practices will be something unique, for I guess I am somewhat of a driver. There will probably be short games between the varsity and scrub daily, but while the games will be played with all the vigor of a real match they will be extremely short. The spectators are welcome to witness these battles.

"I have received letters from almost every member of the varsity squad stat.

every member of the varsity squad statchampion, is going to turn out. Gen. Price has sent word that he will relieve Berry from duty on the border. Some critics assert Berry is a marvel and never had a chance to show his real merit. From other sources I have heard that Berry lacks football instinct. Then it is up to me to teach him if this is true. If Berry is a failure the blams will be my own, if he lends himself to my methods. Capt. Neil Mathews will Capt. Neil Mathews will return to Philadelphia about September 1 to assist Manager Charles Lovett in the final preparations for the departure

## Robertson Attracts Stars.

Coach Lawson Robertson of the Red Coach Lawson Robertson of the Red and Blue track team has attracted more scholastic talent to the Quaker institu-tion than any other tutor since the days of Mike Murphy. Frank Sloman of the San Francisco Polytechnic Institute sent Where there is no ground rule he takes as much as he can get.

Dear Tom—(1) What has become of Peity of St. Louis, Abbaticchio of Pittsburg and Steve Evans, formerly of Brookfeds?
(2) How would you rate Jimmy Doyle (now dead) who played third base for Chicago Cubs?

(1) Abbaticchio runs a hotel some six Doman is the schoolboy who several times did 48 seconds for the 440 yards, scholastic quarter miler the world had ever seen.

Sloman ran with Mean and the world had ever seen.

Dear Tom—Eight men are playing poker.

A. dealing the cards on the draw, refuses to deal the last card in the pack but gives and then shuffles the last card in the string earlier than discards of the players sitting earlier than discards of the p

him when they wrestled.